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SUBJECT: GREEK IMPORT RESTRICTIONS: FROZEN MUTTON

REFERENCE: STATE 030847

- 1) AS REPORTED TOFAS 16 (2/7/75) ISSUANCE IMPORT LICENSES OF FROZEN RED MEAT SUSPENDED EFFECTIVE JANUARY 15, 1975.
- 2) ALL VALID LICENSES PENDING ON THAT DATE BEING HONORED.
- 3) GOG OFFICIAL STATES SUSPENSION TO CONTINUE WHILE GOVERNMENT DEVELOPS NEW MEAT PRODUCTION AND IMPORT POLICIES. (SUCH DEVELOPMENT MAY CONTINUE THROUGH APRIL OR MAY).
- 4) NEW IMPORT POLICY MAY BE MUCH MORE RESTRICTIVE THAN IN RECENT YEARS. SPECIAL EMPHASIS BEING PLACED ON EXPANDING DOMESTIC OUTPUT. (JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 1974 SHEEP MEAT IMPORTS TOTALLED 4,800 MT)
- 5) ATHENS MEAT TRADERS UNION OPTIMISTIC CONCERNING RESUMPTION OF MUTTON IMPORTS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL PRODUCTS CORPORATION AFTER GOVERNMENT RESUMES ISSUANCE LICENSES PROVIDED PRICES ARE COMPETITIVE WITH OTHER FOREIGN SUPPLIERS
- 6) REPUTATION AND STATUS OF GREEK FIRM QUESTIONABLE. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED REPORTS FROM DIFFERENT SOURCES ALLEGING GREEK FIRM ORGANIZED DURING JUNTA PERIOD WITH UNCLASSIFIED

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SPECIAL FAVORS AND CONCESSIONS AND RECEIVED LOANS FROM NATIONAL

BANK FOR WHICH IT IS NOW UNDER INVESTIGATION. U.S. FIRMS
CONSIDERING COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS SHOULD CAUTIOUSLY
SAFEGUARD THEIR INTERESTS.
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